# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SHERMAN DIVISION

ESLAM M. MOHAMED

Plaintiff,

CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:21-cv-695

v.

KAYDEN INDUSTRIES (USA), INC.

Defendant. ' <u>JURY TRIAL DEMANDED</u>

# PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL COMPLAINT

#### TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Plaintiff, Eslam Mohamed ("Plaintiff" or "Mohamed"), by his counsel, brings this action for discrimination based upon his religion and national origin in violation of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. 2000e, et seq. against Defendant, Kayden Industries (USA), Inc. ("Defendant" or "Kayden") and would respectfully show the Court as follows:

I.

# **PARTIES**

- 1.01 Mohamed is a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Texas, who resides at 5712 Broken Spur, McKinney, Texas 75070-6466, and may be reached through the undersigned counsel.
- 1.02 Defendant Kayden Industries USA, Inc. is a foreign for-profit corporation organized under the laws of Delaware and is authorized to do business in Texas. Kayden's Texas corporate offices are located at 9400 Grogans Mill Road, Suite 305, The Woodlands Texas 77380- 3636, and may be served through its authorized agent for service, Corporation Service Company d/b/a CSC-

Lawyers Incorporating Service Company at 211 E. 7th Street, Suite 620, Austin, TX 78701.

II.

# **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 2.01 Jurisdiction is conferred on this Court by 28 U.S.C. §1331, and pendent and supplemental jurisdiction of the common law claims.
- 2.02 Venue for all causes of action stated herein lies in the Northern District of Texas because the acts alleged in this Complaint took place, in whole or in part, within the boundaries of this District, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331. Plaintiff's EEOC charge was filed on August 22, 2019 and pursued in the Dallas District Office of the EEOC. A copy of Plaintiff's EEOC charge is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
- 2.03 On or about August 26, 2020, the EEOC issued a determination and found that there was reasonable cause to believe that Plaintiff was subjected to harassment because of his actual or perceived national origin and or religion and was thereafter demoted and terminated in retaliation for reporting that discrimination in violation of Title VII. A copy of the EEOC's determination is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.
- 2.04 On July 14, 2021, the EEOC issued a Notice of Right to Sue. A copy of the EEOC's Notice of Right to Sue is attached hereto as **Exhibit C.** Plaintiff filed the instant complaint within 90 days of his receipt thereof.

III.

# **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 3.01 Plaintiff worked for Kayden from November 23, 2018 until his summary termination on July 23, 2019.
  - 3.02 Plaintiff's nationality is Egyptian. Plaintiff is also a follower of the Muslim faith.

- 3.03 Plaintiff was originally hired as a Field Technician and worked at the Defendant's job site in Midland, Texas. Plaintiff was then promoted to "Interim Supervisor" on April 11, 2019.
- 3.04 During this time, Plaintiff endured repeated harassing comments that directly related to his nationality and religion. Plaintiff was repeatedly called "Boom Boom", which was a reference to suicide bombers.
- 3.05 When Plaintiff was rotated as a supervisor, the crew's previous supervisor told the crew members that they should call Plaintiff "Boom Boom". There are also text messages showing that Plaintiff was subjected to several other discriminatory comments from his coworkers because of his actual or perceived national origin and/or religion.
- 3.06 Plaintiff had complained of this harassment several times to his immediate supervisor, Chris Lee. On June 19, 2019, Plaintiff tendered his resignation because the hostile work environment was only worsening.
- 3.07 When Defendant' General Manager Matt Rich ("Rich") heard that Plaintiff was resigning, Rich offered Plaintiff a salary increase and a new position at Defendant's job site in Seattle, Washington. Thinking that this would be a new environment with a different crew, Plaintiff accepted the new position.
- 3.08 Defendant's offer to relocate the Plaintiff to the Seattle job site was in recognition of Plaintiff's solid work performance record.
- 3.09 In reliance on Defendant's assurances, Plaintiff flew to Seattle, Washington on July 23, 2019 and reported to work the next day on July 24, 2019.
- 3.10. On July 27, Defendant terminated Plaintiff's employment and did not provide Plaintiff with any reason for his termination.

- 3.11 On July 27, 2019, Plaintiff flew back to Texas where he applied for unemployment benefits. Defendant challenged Plaintiff's application by claiming that Plaintiff was terminated for cause and in support thereof, Defendant stated the following:
- a. Plaintiff was wearing sneakers instead of hard tow work boots. This is false. Plaintiff arrived to the work site wearing the correct work boots.
- b. Plaintiff did not hurry with the rest of the crew to take a quick lunch break on the day when a crane was arriving at the job site. This is also false. Plaintiff went to lunch with a co-worker. They both got their lunch "to go" and were back on the job site in plenty of time for the arrival of the crane.
- c. Plaintiff did not have a hard hat on the work site. This is false. When Plaintiff first arrived at the job site, he did not know what equipment he would need. When he was told that he had to have a hard hat, Plaintiff promptly obtained a hard hat the same day with the assistance of a coworker.
- d. Plaintiff took excessive breaks during which time he would use his cell phone. This is false. Plaintiff furnished phone records to the unemployment board demonstrating that he neither made excessive calls or personal calls to the degree claimed by Defendant. Plaintiff had not been given a schedule, but knew not to make phone calls while on the job, so he limited calls to when he was on breaks. Plaintiff also used his phone for business purposes. In fact on one occasion he received an inquiry for a job position and promptly directed the individual to HR.
- 3.12 Defendant's stated reasons for Plaintiff's termination were first raised after Plaintiff applied for unemployment benefits. Defendant did not furnish any of these reasons to the Plaintiff at the time of his termination.
- 3.13 Defendant's HR division did not contact Plaintiff to obtain his side of the story, nor did HR return Plaintiff's calls when Plaintiff tried to inquire as to the reasons for his separation.

- 3.14 Plaintiff was also subjected to racist comments about his national origin in Seattle. On the first day of his work at the new assignment, his supervisor ,"Jeremy", asked Plaintiff where he was from. When Plaintiff told him that he was from Egypt, Jeremy asked Plaintiff why wasn't he working there instead of Seattle.
- 3.15 Plaintiff successfully obtained unemployment benefits since it was determined that he had not been terminated for good cause. Defendant attempted to appeal the ruling by the Texas workforce Commission but then withdrew its appeal shortly before the hearing date.
- 3.16 On August 22, 2019, Plaintiff filed a charge of discrimination and retaliation before the EEOC and the Texas workforce Commission.
- 3.17 On August 26, 2020, after conducting an investigation into Plaintiffs charge of discrimination, the EEOC entered a Determination finding that there was reason to believe that the Defendant had violated Title VII by subjecting Plaintiff to harassment because of his actual or perceived national origin and religion and thereafter demoted and subsequently fired him in retaliation for reporting the harassment and discrimination.

# IV.

# **FIRST COUNT**

# NATIONAL ORIGIN AND RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION IN VIOLATION OF TITLE VII, 42 U.S.C. 2000e, et seq. AND CHAPTER 21 OF THE TEXAS LAOR CODE

- 4.01 The foregoing paragraphs are incorporated in this Count as fully as if set forth at length herein.
  - 4.02 Plaintiff is an employee within the meaning of Title VII 42 U.S.C. '2000e.
  - 4.03 Defendant is an employer within the meaning of Title VII. 42 U.S.C. '2000e(b).
- 4.04 All conditions precedent to filing this action for discrimination under Federal Law have been met. Plaintiff timely filed his charge of discrimination on the basis of race and national

origin with the EEOC, and the EEOC has, within ninety (90) days of filing this lawsuit, issued a Notice of Right to Sue to Plaintiff. (*See*, Exhibit B).

- 4.05 Defendant has violated Title VII, as amended, by subjecting Plaintiff to a hostile work environment due to his national origin and religion.
- 4.06 Defendant knowingly allowed this harassment based on Plaintiff's race and national origin and thereafter terminated Plaintiff for no valid reason. Defendant's knowing violations of Title VII have adversely affected Plaintiff's career, his professional and personal life.
- 4.07 Plaintiff is entitled to an award of attorney fees and costs under Title VII, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-5(k).
- 4.08 Such discrimination by Defendant against Plaintiff was intentional. Accordingly, Plaintiff is entitled to recover damages from Defendant for back pay, front pay, past and future pecuniary losses, emotional pain and suffering, inconvenience, loss of enjoyment of life and other nonpecuniary losses. Further, this discrimination was done by Defendant with malice or with reckless indifference to Plaintiff's federally protected rights.

V.

### SECOND COUNT

# RETALIATION IN VIOLATION OF TITLE VII, 42 U.S.C. 2000e, et seg. AND CHAPTER 21 OF THE TEXAS LAOR CODE

- 5.01 The foregoing paragraphs are incorporated in this Count as fully as if set forth at length herein.
  - 5.02 Plaintiff is an employee within the meaning of Title VII 42 U.S.C. '2000e.
  - 5.03 Defendant is an employer within the meaning of Title VII. 42 U.S.C. '2000e(b).
- 5.04 All conditions precedent to filing this action for discrimination under Federal Law have been met. Plaintiff timely filed his charge of discrimination on the basis of race with the EEOC,

and the EEOC has, within ninety (90) days of filing this lawsuit, issued a Notice of Right to Sue to Plaintiff. (*See*, Exhibit B).

- 5.05 Defendant has violated Title VII, as amended, by subjecting Plaintiff to a hostile work environment due to his national origin and religion.
- 5.06 Defendant knowingly allowed this harassment based on Plaintiff's race and national origin and thereafter terminated Plaintiff for no valid reason. Defendant's knowing violations of Title VII have adversely affected Plaintiff's career, his professional and personal life.
- 5.07 Plaintiff is entitled to an award of attorney fees and costs under Title VII, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-5(k).
- 5.08 Such discrimination by Defendant against Plaintiff was intentional. Accordingly, Plaintiff is entitled to recover damages from Defendant for back pay, front pay, past and future pecuniary losses, emotional pain and suffering, inconvenience, loss of enjoyment of life and other nonpecuniary losses. Further, this discrimination was done by Defendant with malice or with reckless indifference to Plaintiff's federally protected rights.

# VI.

# JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

6.01 Plaintiff demands a trial by jury.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiff prays that Defendant be cited to appear and answer herein, and that on final trial, Plaintiff have and recover the following relief against Defendant:

- (1) Judgment for actual damages in the amount of past and future lost earnings and benefits and damages to past and future earnings capacity;
- (2) Judgment for back pay and front pay as allowed by law;

- (3) Judgment for past and future pecuniary losses, emotional pain and suffering, inconvenience, loss of enjoyment of life and other nonpecuniary losses;
- (4) Damages for past and future mental anguish, emotional distress, and physical distress;
- (5) Prejudgment and post-judgment interest at the maximum legal rate;
- (6) All costs of Court;
- (7) Attorney's fees; and
- (8) Such other and further relief to which Plaintiff may be justly entitled.

Dated: September 7, 2021 Respectfully submitted,

KILGORE & KILGORE, PLLC

By: /s/ Nicholas A. O'Kelly Nicholas A O'Kelly State Bar No. 15241235 3109 Carlisle Street Dallas, Texas 75204 (214) 969-9099 - Telephone (214) 953-0133 - Facsimile

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF ESLAM M. MOHAMED

# Case 4:21-cv-00695-SDJ Document 1 Filed 09/07/21 Page 9 of 13 PageID #: 9 EXHIBIT A

EEOC Form 5 (11/09)			
Charge of Discrimination	Charge	Presented To: Agend	cy(ies) Charge No(s):
This form is affected by the Privacy Act of 1974. See enclosed Privacy Act Statement and other information before completing this form.		FEPA	
datement and other information before completing this form.	X	EEOC 46	60-2019-06011
Texas Workforce Commission Civil Rights Division and EEOC			
State or local Agency, if any			
Name (indicate Mr., Ms., Mrs.)		Home Phone (Incl. Area Code)	Date of Birth
Eslam Mohamed		(214) 364-8482	
Street Address City, State and ZIP Code			
5712 Broken Spur, Broken Spur, Mckinney, TX 75070			
Negrand in the Fareleyer Labor Oversitation Fareleyment Assessed Assessed in Councillation (Councillation Councillation Councill			
Named is the Employer, Labor Organization, Employment Agency, Apprenticeship Committee, or State or Local Government Agency That I Believe Discriminated Against Me or Others. (If more than two, list under PARTICULARS below.)			
Name No. E			ne No (Include Area Code)
KAYDEN INDUSTRIES		Unknown	<b>284)</b> 419-4544
Street Address City, State	Address City, State and ZIP Code		
9400 Grogans Mill Road, The Woodlands, TX 77380			
WO WARENT ON			
Name		No. Employees, Members	ne No (Include Area Code)
*		ECONTURAL AS	NETRICE Area Code)
Street Address City, State and ZIP Code			
DISCRIMINATION BASED ON (Check appropriate box(es).)  DATE(S) DISCRIMINATION TOOK PLACE			
RACE COLOR SEX X RELIGION X NATIONAL ORIGIN 07-13-2019 07-27-2019			
X RETALIATION AGE DISABILITY GENETIC INFORMATION OTHER (Specify) CONTINUING ACTION			
			NUING ACTION
THE PARTICULARS ARE (If additional paper is needed, attach extra sheet(s)):  I. PERSONAL HARM:			
On or around July 27, 2019, I was wrongfully terminated after complaining about being subjected to			
desperate treatment and harassment while being forced to work in a hostile work environment.			
II. RESPONDENT'S REASON FOR ADVERSE ACTION:			
None was given.			
III. DIO ODIBBINIA TIONI OTA TERMENIT			
III. DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT:			
I believe that I was discriminated against because of my national origin (Egyptian) and religion (Muslim), in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended. I also believe that I			
was retaliated against in violation of Section 704(a) of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as			
amended.			
I want this charge filed with both the EEOC and the State or local Agency, if any. I NOTARY – When necessary for State and Local Agency Requirements			
will advise the agencies if I change my address or phone number and I will cooperate fully with them in the processing of my charge in accordance with their			
edures.  I swear or affirm that I have read the above charge and that it is true to			
I declare under penalty of perjury that the above is true and correct.  the best of my knowledge, information and belief.			
A	SIGNATURE OF COMPLAINANT		
Aug 22, 2019 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS DATE (month, day year)			DATE
Date Charging Party Signature	11 to THOLE 8/22/19		



# U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION Dallas District Office

207 S. Houston Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Dallas, TX 75202-4726 Intake Information Group: (800) 669-4000 Intake Information Group TTY: (800) 669-6820 Dallas Direct Dial: (972) 918-3580

FAX: (214) 253-2720 Website: <u>www.eeoc.gov</u>

Dallas District Office San Antonio Field Office El Paso Area Office

CHARGE NUMBER: 460-2019-06011

Eslam Mohamed 5712 Broken Spur McKinney, TX 75070 **CHARGING PARTY** 

Kayden Industries (USA), Inc. c/o Derek Rollins, Attorney Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart 301 Congress Ave., Ste. 1150 Austin, TX 78701 derek.rollins@ogletree.com RESPONDENT

# **DETERMINATION**

Under the authority vested in me by the Commission, I issue the following determination as to the merits of the subject charge filed under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.

All requirements for coverage have been met. Respondent is an employer within the meaning of Title VII, and the timeliness and all other jurisdictional requirements for coverage are satisfied.

Charging Party alleges that he was discriminated against in violation of Title VII when he was subjected to harassment based on his national origin (Egyptian) and/or religion (Muslim) and then demoted and fired after complaining about the harassment to management. Respondent denies that it retaliated against the Charging Party and claims that the Charging Party was fired for misconduct. Respondent also denies that Charging Party complained about harassment while he was employed.

During the investigation, relevant witnesses were interviewed, and documents were reviewed. The evidence shows that the Charging Party's coworkers repeatedly called him "Boom Boom," which was a reference to suicide bombers. When Charging Party was selected for a rotation as interim supervisor, the crew's previous supervisor told the crew members that they could call Charging Party "Boom Boom." Text message evidence shows that Charging Party was subjected to several other discriminatory comments from his coworkers because of his actual or perceived national origin and/or religion. Charging Party complained to his immediate supervisor, but no action was taken to stop the harassment. The evidence shows that when Charging Party elevated

Letter of Determination EEOC Charge No.: 460-2019-06011

Page 2

his harassment complaint to the next level of management, he was removed from his interim supervisor rotation and transferred to a different division of the company. Less than a week later, he was fired. Respondent claims that the Charging Party was fired because he committed several safety violations following his transfer, but there is no documentary evidence of any of those safety violations despite the Respondent's admission that written warnings are a part of its progressive discipline policy. Furthermore, the managers involved in the decision to terminate Charging Party's employment provided conflicting explanations for that decision.

Based on this evidence, there is reasonable cause to believe that the Charging Party was subjected to harassment because of his actual or perceived national origin and/or religion and was subsequently demoted and fired in retaliation for reporting that discrimination in violation of Title VII.

Upon finding that there is reason to believe that violations of Title VII have occurred, the Commission attempts to eliminate the alleged unlawful practices by informal methods of conference, conciliation, and persuasion. Therefore, the Commission now invites the parties to join with it in reaching a just resolution of this matter. The Commission will also consider compensatory and punitive damages under the Civil Rights Act of 1991.

If the Respondent declines to discuss settlement or if for any other reason, a settlement acceptable to the District Director is not obtained, the District Director will inform the parties and advise them of the court enforcement alternatives available to the Charging Party and the Commission.

You are reminded that Federal law prohibits retaliation against persons who exercised their right to inquire or complain about matters they believe may violate the law. Discrimination against persons who have cooperated in Commission investigations is also prohibited. These protections apply regardless of the Commission's determination on the merits of the charge.

On Behalf of the Commission:

\_08/26/2020\_ Date Digitally signed by Belinda F. McCallister
DN: cn=Belinda F. McCallister
DN: cn=Belinda F. McCallister
DN: cn=Belinda F. McCallister
One Dnown Top Open Top

Belinda F. McCallister District Director

Cc: Nicholas O'Kelly, Attorney Kilgore Law 3109 Carlisle St. Dallas, TX 75204 nao@kilgorelaw.com EEOC Form 161-A (11/2020)

#### U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

# NOTICE OF RIGHT TO SUE

(CONCILIATION FAILURE)

To: Eslam Mohamed 5712 Broken Spur Mckinney, TX 75070 From: Dallas District Office 207 S. Houston St. 3rd Floor Dallas, TX 75202

CO

X

On behalf of person(s) aggrieved whose identity is CONFIDENTIAL (29 CFR §1601.7(a))

EEOC Charge No.

**EEOC** Representative

Telephone No.

Lucy V. Orta,

460-2019-06011

**Area Office Director** 

(972) 918-3610

#### TO THE PERSON AGGRIEVED:

This notice concludes the EEOC's processing of the above-numbered charge. The EEOC found reasonable cause to believe that violations of the statute(s) occurred with respect to some or all of the matters alleged in the charge but could not obtain a settlement with the Respondent that would provide relief for you. In addition, the EEOC has decided that it will not bring suit against the Respondent at this time based on this charge and will close its file in this case. This does not mean that the EEOC is certifying that the Respondent is in compliance with the law, or that the EEOC will not sue the Respondent later or intervene later in your lawsuit if you decide to sue on your own behalf.

#### - NOTICE OF SUIT RIGHTS -

(See the additional information attached to this form.)

**Title VII, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act, or the Age Discrimination in Employment Act:** This will be the only notice of dismissal and of your right to sue that we will send you. You may file a lawsuit against the respondent(s) under federal law based on this charge in federal or state court. Your lawsuit **must be filed <u>WITHIN 90 DAYS</u>** of **your receipt of this notice**; or your right to sue based on this charge will be lost. (The time limit for filing suit based on a claim under state law may be different.)

**Equal Pay Act (EPA):** EPA suits must be filed in federal or state court within 2 years (3 years for willful violations) of the alleged EPA underpayment. This means that **backpay due for any violations that occurred more than 2 years (3 years) before you file suit may not be collectible.** 

If you file suit, based on this charge, please send a copy of your court complaint to this office.

On behalf of the Commission

Digitally signed by Belinda F.

Belinda F. McCallister McCallister

Date: 2021.07.14 04:58:05 -05'00'

July 14, 2021

Enclosures(s)

Belinda F. McCallister, District Director (Date Issued)

CC: Leslie Ferguson
HR Manager
KAYDEN INDUSTRIES
9400 Grogans Mills Road
305
The Woodlands, TX 77380

Nicholas A. O'Kelly, Esq. KILGORE & KILGORE PLLC 3109 Carlisle Street Dallas, TX 75204

# Case 4:21-cv-00695-SDJ Document 1 Filed 09/07/21 Page 13 of 13 PageID #: 13

Enclosure with EEOC Form 161-A (11/2020)

# INFORMATION RELATED TO FILING SUIT UNDER THE LAWS ENFORCED BY THE EEOC

(This information relates to filing suit in Federal or State court <u>under Federal law</u>. If you also plan to sue claiming violations of State law, please be aware that time limits and other provisions of State law may be shorter or more limited than those described below.)

# PRIVATE SUIT RIGHTS -- Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA), or the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA):

In order to pursue this matter further, you must file a lawsuit against the respondent(s) named in the charge <u>within</u> <u>90 days</u> of the date you *receive* this Notice. Therefore, you should keep a record of this date. Once this 90-day period is over, your right to sue based on the charge referred to in this Notice will be lost. If you intend to consult an attorney, you should do so promptly. Give your attorney a copy of this Notice, and its envelope or record of receipt, and tell him or her the date you received it. Furthermore, in order to avoid any question that you did not act in a timely manner, it is prudent that your suit be filed within 90 days of the date this Notice was *issued* to you (as indicated where the Notice is signed) or the date of the postmark or record of receipt, if later.

Your lawsuit may be filed in U.S. District Court or a State court of competent jurisdiction. (Usually, the appropriate State court is the general civil trial court.) Whether you file in Federal or State court is a matter for you to decide after talking to your attorney. Filing this Notice is not enough. You must file a "complaint" that contains a short statement of the facts of your case which shows that you are entitled to relief. Your suit may include any matter alleged in the charge or, to the extent permitted by court decisions, matters like or related to the matters alleged in the charge. Generally, suits are brought in the State where the alleged unlawful practice occurred, but in some cases can be brought where relevant employment records are kept, where the employment would have been, or where the respondent has its main office. If you have simple questions, you usually can get answers from the office of the clerk of the court where you are bringing suit, but do not expect that office to write your complaint or make legal strategy decisions for you.

# PRIVATE SUIT RIGHTS -- Equal Pay Act (EPA):

EPA suits must be filed in court within 2 years (3 years for willful violations) of the alleged EPA underpayment: back pay due for violations that occurred **more than 2 years (3 years) before you file suit** may not be collectible. For example, if you were underpaid under the EPA for work performed from 7/1/08 to 12/1/08, you should file suit before 7/1/10 – not 12/1/10 –- in order to recover unpaid wages due for July 2008. This time limit for filing an EPA suit is separate from the 90-day filing period under Title VII, the ADA, GINA or the ADEA referred to above. Therefore, if you also plan to sue under Title VII, the ADA, GINA or the ADEA, in addition to suing on the EPA claim, suit must be filed within 90 days of this Notice and within the 2- or 3-year EPA back pay recovery period.

#### ATTORNEY REPRESENTATION -- Title VII, the ADA or GINA:

If you cannot afford or have been unable to obtain a lawyer to represent you, the U.S. District Court having jurisdiction in your case may, in limited circumstances, assist you in obtaining a lawyer. Requests for such assistance must be made to the U.S. District Court in the form and manner it requires (you should be prepared to explain in detail your efforts to retain an attorney). Requests should be made well before the end of the 90-day period mentioned above, because such requests do <u>not</u> relieve you of the requirement to bring suit within 90 days.

### ATTORNEY REFERRAL AND EEOC ASSISTANCE -- All Statutes:

You may contact the EEOC representative shown on your Notice if you need help in finding a lawyer or if you have any questions about your legal rights, including advice on which U.S. District Court can hear your case. If you need to inspect or obtain a copy of information in EEOC's file on the charge, please request it promptly in writing and provide your charge number (as shown on your Notice). While EEOC destroys charge files after a certain time, all charge files are kept for at least 6 months after our last action on the case. Therefore, if you file suit and want to review the charge file, **please make your review request within 6 months** of this Notice. (Before filing suit, any request should be made within the next 90 days.)